

House File 2398 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON EDUCATION

(SUCCESSOR TO HSB 656)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to renewal requirements for licenses issued by
2 the board of educational examiners to practitioners with
3 master's or doctoral degrees.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 272.2, subsection 1, paragraph a, Code
2 2022, is amended to read as follows:

3 a. License practitioners, which includes the authority to
4 ~~establish~~ do all of the following:

5 (1) Establish criteria for the licenses; ~~establish.~~

6 (2) Establish issuance and renewal requirements, provided
7 that a continuing education requirement may be completed
8 by electronic means; ~~create,~~ and there shall be no renewal
9 requirement for a practitioner who possesses a master's or
10 doctoral degree.

11 (3) Create application and renewal forms; ~~create.~~

12 (4) Create licenses that authorize different instructional
13 functions or specialties; ~~develop.~~

14 (5) Develop a code of professional rights and
15 responsibilities, practices, and ethics, which shall, among
16 other things, address ~~the~~ all of the following:

17 (a) The failure of a practitioner to fulfill contractual
18 obligations under [section 279.13](#); ~~the.~~

19 (b) The failure of an administrator to protect the safety of
20 staff and students; ~~the.~~

21 (c) The failure of an administrator to meet mandatory
22 reporter obligations; ~~the.~~

23 (d) The refusal of a practitioner to implement provisions of
24 an individualized education program or behavioral intervention
25 plan; ~~and habitual.~~

26 (e) Habitual nonparticipation in professional development;
27 ~~and develop.~~

28 (f) The development of any other classifications,
29 distinctions, and procedures which may be necessary to exercise
30 licensing duties. In addressing the failure of a practitioner
31 to fulfill contractual obligations, the board shall consider
32 factors beyond the practitioner's control.

33 Sec. 2. Section 272.7, subsection 1, Code 2022, is amended
34 to read as follows:

35 1. A license issued under board authority is valid

1 for the period of time for which it is issued, unless the
2 license is suspended or revoked. ~~No~~ Except as provided in
3 section 272.2, subsection 1, paragraph "a", subparagraph (2),
4 permanent licenses shall not be issued. A person employed as
5 a practitioner shall hold a valid license with an endorsement
6 for the type of service for which the person is employed.
7 This section does not limit the duties or powers of a school
8 board to select or discharge practitioners or to terminate
9 practitioners' contracts. A professional development program,
10 except for a program offered by a practitioner preparation
11 institution or area education agency and approved by the state
12 board of education, must possess a valid license for the types
13 of programs offered.

14 EXPLANATION

15 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
16 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

17 This bill relates to renewal requirements for licenses
18 issued by the board of educational examiners to practitioners
19 with master's or doctoral degrees.

20 Current law authorizes the board of educational examiners
21 (BOEE) to establish renewal requirements for licensed
22 practitioners. The bill provides that there shall be no
23 renewal requirement for a practitioner who possesses a
24 master's or doctoral degree. The bill makes conforming
25 changes, including changes to authorize permanent licensure for
26 practitioners who possess a master's or doctoral degree. The
27 bill does not affect the BOEE's ability to deny or revoke a
28 license under Code section 272.2(14).